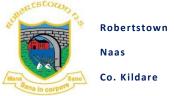
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14th February 2022

Dear Parents,

All schools in the Parish of Allen now have a common window for Junior Infants admissions applications. Applicants have been notified of the decision of their application on Friday 4th of February. **Applicants must confirm acceptance by Friday 18th of February.** A copy of the school's Admission Policy and the Application Form for Admission for the year 2022/2023 is available to download at: www.robertstownns.ie or by emailing robertstownns@gmail.com.

Wishing you all an enjoyable midterm break next week, we will see you all on Monday 28th of February. School finishes at the normal time on Friday 18th.

School will be closed for a **half day on March 16th** for all pupils to facilitate staff training on the new Primary Language Curriculum.

Junior Infants & Senior Infants and siblings finish at 11.50

First Class to Sixth Class finish at 12.00

The Parent Association Committee has organised an information session especially for RNS Parents & Guardians on 'Internet Safety' on Tuesday Feb 15th at 7.30pm. This short talk will teach you all you need to know to protect your children and is conveniently delivered online by experienced facilitators. Link for parents to register in advance is https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Robertstown-NS-Internet-Safety-Registration-22. It will only take 2 minutes to register. You will need to register by 3pm on day of session. Next Tuesday February 8th is "Safer Internet Day 2022". This year Webwise and the National Parents Council Primary (NPC) are running a campaign to support parents in their engagement with their children's lives online. Lots of information available on

https://www.webwise.ie/saferinternetday/

The NPC are running free workshops for parents all week long 7th - 11th February 10am & 7.30pm each day. Information & registration at https://www.npc.ie/news-events/keeping-your-child-safe-internet-safety-training-for-parents

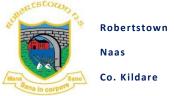
Underage GAA training will be starting back on Friday 18th February in Robertstown GAA. They are looking to get as many new members as possible.

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We have organised a clothes collection for Tuesday 8th of March as a school fundraiser. This will give you the opportunity to do a spring clean and clear out the wardrobes during the midterm break. Duvet covers, shoes, bags and belts will also be collected on the day, thank you for your support.

The Parent Association will hold a working group meeting in the school this Thursday morning Feb 17th from 9.05 till 9.45 regarding an upgrade of the school library. The PA is very much in need of parents who can spare an hour over the next several weeks who can help with organising and designing the school library. The PA committee simply does not have enough hands to carry out these essential upgrades. Our meeting will just be the first step to gather ideas regarding the library and then parents can discuss if they have any time to help out. We expect the task might be possible to achieve in a single morning if we had enough hands. Please let the PA know if you can help out and will not make our meeting by contacting 086-3782739. Over the coming weeks the PA will be working on tidying out the veg/flower beds at the back of the school. Again, any help will be appreciated. We will follow up again on this as the weather improves.

First Communion preparation mass will take place on Saturday 26th of February at 6.30pm in Allenwood Church. Please note face coverings mandate remains in place for public religious/worship gatherings.

3rd and 4th classes will commence their swimming lessons on Tuesday 1st of March for five weeks on the 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th of March. As two lessons were cancelled in March 2020, only €26.00 needs to be paid towards these lessons. Please notify class teachers if your child is not attending lessons. Aquatics is part of the PE curriculum so attendance is advised unless a legitimate reason is given.

5th and 6th classes will commence their swimming lessons on Monday 25th of April, our first day back after the Easter holidays. Lessons are for five weeks on the 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th of May. As these lessons were postponed after Christmas, a lot of people have already paid €34.50 to cover the cost of the lesson. Outstanding balance can be paid through Aladdin.

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